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## EDUCATION

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<b>École Normale Supérieure (ENS-PSL), Institut Jean Nicod</b> <i>PhD Psychology</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Supervisor: Hugo Mercier</li><li>Thesis: How do we infer other's competence?</li></ul>	<i>Expected graduation: Fall 2027</i> <i>Paris, FR</i>
<b>École Normale Supérieure (ENS-PSL)</b> <i>MA Cognitive Science — ENS Diploma</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Supervisor: Hugo Mercier</li><li>Final Year Ranking: 1/78</li><li>Thesis: One Feeling, Many Domains: The Consistent Appeal of Insight across Knowledge Areas and Modalities</li></ul>	2021 – 2024 <i>Paris, FR</i>
<b>University of Princeton</b> <i>Visiting Student Research Collaborator</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Supervisor: Alin Coman</li></ul>	Feb. 2023 – Jun. 2023 <i>Princeton, NJ, USA</i>
<b>University of Cambridge</b> <i>Visiting Research Student</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Supervisor: Lee de-Wit</li></ul>	Sep. 2022 – Jan. 2023 <i>Cambridge, UK</i>
<b>Sciences Po Bordeaux</b> <i>BA Political Studies</i>	2018 – 2021 <i>Bordeaux, FR</i>
<b>University Paul Valéry</b> <i>BA Philosophy</i>	2018 – 2021 <i>Montpellier, FR</i>

## PUBLICATIONS

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<sup>1</sup>*first author*

### Peer Reviewed Publications

- Mercier, M.<sup>1</sup>, Garsmeur, A. & Mercier, H. (2025) The Appeal of Insight: Why Riddles and Whodunits Captivate Us. *Psychology of Aesthetics, Creativity, and the Arts*. Advance online publication.
- Mercier, M.<sup>1</sup>, Dubourg, E. & Mercier, H. (2025) Insight-seeking is consistent across domains and distinct from other forms of curiosity. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 237, 113051.

### Working Papers

- Dubourg, E., Thouzeau, V., ..., **Mercier, M.**, ..., Baumard, N. (2025). The Cognitive Foundations of Fictional Stories. (*Under review*)

## TEACHING

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### Courses

<b>Human Behaviour Culture and Societies</b>   <i>École Normale Supérieure (ENS-PSL)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Teaching Assistant, Graduate Course</li><li>Taught with Nicolas Baumard &amp; Jean-Baptiste André</li></ul>	2024 – 2025
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### Student internship supervision

- Nina Vivier Barte, *undergraduate* 2024
- Clementine Allais, *undergraduate* 2024

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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<b>Data Scientist</b> <i>Noèse</i>	2023 – Present
<b>Radio Columnist</b> <i>La Grâce Matinale &amp; Anachroniques</i>	2021
<b>Popular Science Writer</b> <i>Phébé, Le Point</i>	2021
<b>Private Teacher</b>	2014 – 2021

## SCIENCE OUTREACH

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### General Audience Talks

1. Interactive experience and game on psychological consequences of inequalities. **Nuit Européenne des Chercheurs**, Brest 2023